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Bolivia (Plurinational State of),* Cuba, Ethiopia (on behalf of the Group of African States), State of Palestine,* Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): draft resolution

25/... International Decade for People of African Descent

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 68/237 of 23 December 2013 on the proclamation of the International Decade for People of African Descent,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the proclamation by the General Assembly in its resolution 68/237 of the International Decade for People of African Descent, effective from 1 January 2015 and ending on 31 December 2024;

2. *Emphasizes* the need to urgently heed the instruction of the General Assembly and, in this regard, requests the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action to dedicate its programme of work during its forthcoming twelfth session to the purposes of distilling the programme of activities from the existing draft Programme of Action for People of African Descent,[1] as already elaborated by the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent and welcomed by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 21/33 of 28 September 2012;

3. *Requests* in the above context the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent to optimally use its thirteenth session, scheduled for 31 March to 4 April 2014, to produce, as an assistance to the Intergovernmental Working Group and in their capacity as the authors of the draft Programme of Action for the International Decade on People of African Descent, a draft framework document in the form of a programme of activities for the International Decade for People of African Descent, which will serve as a basis for the programme of work for the Intergovernmental Working Group in this regard;

[1] See A/HRC/21/60/Add.2.

4. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly and his appointed facilitator for this purpose to participate in the forthcoming twelfth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group, as appropriate;

5. *Requests* the Working Group to present its final report in this regard to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-sixth session for its adoption and transmission to the General Assembly.